

help themselves. Mass meetings were being held very extensively in the northern States, protesting against the fugitive slave act, and demanding immediate repeal.

#### VISIT OF THE PRESIDENCY TO WEBER.

Monday evening, January 20, 1851. Presidents Young and Kimball preached at bro. Peregrine G. Sessions', and organized a branch of the church; John Stoker was ordained bishop; Moses Dailey and P. G. Sessions, his counsellors. Elders Amasa Lyman and J. M. Grant accompanied the presidency.

Tuesday 21. Presidents Young and Kimball preached in the evening at the North Cottonwood school house, and appointed G. Brownell presiding elder of that branch, and tarried with br. John Hess over night. C. C. Rich joined the mission at this point.

Wednesday 22. Passed on to the Weber, refreshing by the way at br. Wm. Kay's, put up with br. Isaac Clark. Preaching in the evening at the school house, by presidents Young, Kimball, and addresses by others.

Thursday 23. Visited Messrs. Clark & Birch's mill, and captain Brown's bridge, and in the afternoon visited the brethren of the north fort, returned to br. Clark's for the night; preaching at the school house in the evening.

Friday 24. Crossed Ogden river, and stopped with br. Lorin Farr. Preaching at the school house in the fort in the evening.

Saturday 26. 9 a. m., a confirmation meeting at the school house, for those who were baptized the day previous. Preaching at 10, by the presidency, followed by the brethren. 1 p. m. preaching by elder J. M. Grant. Preaching in evening by president Kimball and C. C. Rich.

Sunday 26. Re-crossed Ogden, and at 10 a. m. preaching at the south fort by A. Lyman, and J. M. Grant, and closing remarks by president Young. 1 p. m., met the general authorities of the church at Weber, in council; when Lorin Farr was chosen president of Weber branch, and Charles R. Dana and David B. Dille his counsellors;—James Lake, George Pitkin, Lemuel Malory, Daniel Birch, Joseph Grover, Wm. Earl, David Moore, Edward Bunker, Philip Garner, ——— Stickney, Horace Rawson, and Joseph Lish, were elected members of the high counsel; Bryant W. Nowlin, clerk.—The foregoing were ordained to their respective offices under the direction of the presidency; also, Isaac Clark was ordained bishop of the south ward, and James Browning and James Brown, his counsellors; and Erastus Bingham bishop of the north ward, and Charles Hubbard and Stephen Perry his counsellors. All the meetings have been attended by large congregations, and all appear-

ed to appreciate the instructions which they received from the presidency and brethren. A general spirit of reformation appeared to prevail wherever the brethren were visited.

Monday 27. Took leave of the brethren at Ogden, and starting for home; called at Wm. Kay's, at 1 p. m. and dined; presidents Young and Kimball, and G. D. Grant, preached at br. Philips in the evening, and Wm. Kay was appointed bishop of that ward.

Tuesday 28. Continued en-route towards the city; about 12 o'clock, the presidency called to see Father Bigelow, who was very sick, and died in about 15 minutes after their arrival: partook of refreshments at br. Judson Stodard's, and passing on to the city, the president and company arrived at his residence about 6 p. m., where the evening was spent in cheerful conversation, and after supper, the friends retired about 8 o'clock.

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Thursday, January 23. Thawing, muddy. County court in session

Friday, 24. Very pleasant, warm.

Saturday, 25. Clear, thawing, muddy. County court closed its special session. A general parade of the Legion, and turn out of the brass band.

Sunday, 26. Very pleasant. Preaching at the bowery, by P. P. Pratt and O. Spencer. Meeting of the presidents of the Seventies at the state house in the evening.

Monday, 27. Frosty night. Henry E. Gibson arrived from California.

Tuesday, 28. Dull, cloudy. Presidents Young and Kimball returned from Weber.

Wednesday, 29. Frosty night, clear day, warm.

Thursday, 30. Clear sky, party at the bath house.

Friday, 31. Clear.

Saturday, February 1. Frost during the night, fine day, mail starts east; major Hunt arrives from California, bringing a mail from Iron county.

Sunday 2. Fine day—meeting in the Bowery, preaching by president Young and A. Lyman. The seventies met in the state house 6 p. m; and the presidency at our room.

Monday 2. Frosty night, clear day—municipal court in session at the state house 10 a. m.—the board of regents met at 2 p. m., at same place.

Tuesday 4. General assembly in session during the day, and board of regents in the evening.

Wednesday 5. General assembly in session—president and assistants of the perpetual poor fund, met in the evening at 5; and afterwards the high priests quorum, in the state house

The nights have been frosty, and the days very pleasant, almost without intermission the past two weeks, and the snow is gone in most of the valley, and to a great extent on the south side of the mountain. The senate chamber and representatives hall, have been occupied about every evening by the city

council, the different quorums, evening schools, singing schools, or lyceums.

We have heard suggested the propriety of having a Ladies Lyceum instituted for the diffusion of knowledge in domestic economy, and we highly approve the suggestion. If there is a lady in Deseret, who knows no better than to immerse, or pour water on genteel table knives, handled with wood of any kind, or horn, that lady ought to attend such a lyceum.

MARRIED, at the hall of the Bath House, Thursday, Jan. 30, 1851, by Pres't. Brigham Young, Mr. William T. Van Noy, and Miss Catharine Tabitha Hendricks.

The marriage ceremony was followed with a few appropriate remarks by Pres't. Young, prayer by Elder P. P. Pratt, a pleasant dance, with music, and supper to about one hundred souls, by Judge Hendricks & lady, parents of the bride. The party consisted of the Presidency, and the Twelve, their families, and the families of the Twelve who are on foreign missions, and others.

Although a sweet, and heavenly spirit was exhibited in all the performances of the evening, we do not wish the saints to understand that the Presidency has given an example for them to quit their reformation and their prayers, and resort again to the dancing hall; for we believe the Presidency knew nothing of the dance, until they were in the hall, and visited the house in anticipation of a wedding, a social chat, and dinner. Far be it from us to wish to wound the feelings of our host on that occasion, or any of the friends; but we greatly desire to see all Saints filled with the spirit of wisdom, so that they may act most pleasing in the sight of our heavenly Father, and never give occasion or opportunity for the spirits of evil to throw unnecessary temptations in the way of those least able to resist them. A great reformation has been in progress among the Saints of late; may it continue till Saints and angels shall talk and feast together as in days of old.

PARENT SCHOOL.—We would call the attention of the people to the parent school advertisement in this paper, it is a matter of great consequence to all parties, that the school should be filled.

LETTER FROM GEORGE A. SMITH. Center creek. Iron county, Jan. 17, 1851.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, BRIGHAM YOUNG:

We arrived at this point on the 13th instant, after rather a long journey; but this was mainly attributable to the fact that we had many cattle, that had been brought through by the merchants, and though they may have recruited some, yet they were not strong; and they also suffered from not being shod, for the road proved hard and slippery. The snow, after leaving Peteetneet, was from three to twelve inches deep, though in some places it had drifted to the depth of three feet. The cold was not very severe, till we arrived at the Sevier river: here the thermometer dropped to 16 degrees below zero. We also found very little feed for our animals; and it took us one day in crossing the river.